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## I Production

The total production plan of the Ministry for Mining and Smelting during the first quarter of 1952 has been fulfilled by 105.6 percent. For the first five months of the year the percentage is expected to be even higher, since several backlogs will have been eliminated by them.

## A. Steel

- 1. Of far-reaching importance in the steel branch is the failure to carry out the pig iron plan. During the first five nonths this plan was realized by only 76.7 percent. The planned total of 280,000 tons fell short by approximately 65,000 tons. The clief reason for the discrepancy is to be found in the slow development of the Eisenhüttenkombinat Ost (EKO) and West (CMM)? It was as recently as May that EKO, through the assistance of Soviet advisers, was able to reach full production of its installations for the first time, while EUW has not reached that level to this day. The deficiency in pig iron was purposely limited to open-hearth pig iron and spiegel iron, because it was felt that in this field the steel branch was in a position to compensate for the storage through increased scrap dativeries. Instead of the planned 41,000 tons of foundry pig iron, 42,500 tons were actually delivered. This represents 103.5 percent of the foundry iron plan for the first five months. In spite of the open-hearth pig iron shortage, it was possible to fulfill those parts of the iron and steel production which are indispensable to the progress of the entire economy.
- The plan for erude smeel in blocks was realized by 90.6 percent, and (M5,900 tone.

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- 3. The plan for steel casting was fulfilled by 102.8 percent during the first five months; this represents a surplus of 400 tons.
- 4. The plan for cast iron castings was fulfilled by 115.5 percent, or a surplus of 4,300 tons.
- 5. During the same period, the rolled steel plan was fulfilled by 111.7 percent or 41,000 tons. The plan for semi-finished products for other rolling mills was achieved with 109.1 percent or 11,000 tons.
- 6. The non-realization of the plan for searless pipes will, however, have a serious effect on the entire economy. The plan was only 47.2 percent realized. The reason for this shortage lies in the fact that the production plan had counted on the output of a new pipe factory which did not materialize.

## R. Capper

- 1. Of great significance is the non-fulfillment of the copier production plan. The plan for electrolytic and refined coppor was, in fact, accomplished by 110.9 percent, but this projection was made possible only by drawing upon scrap reserves. Copper production from one amounted to only 87.8 percent of the plan. Alteracy the first months showed a shortage of 1,400 tons of copper from the production of native cres. This shortage resulted from the non-fulfillment of the copper one plan. The production of copper are during the first five months reached only 90 percent, and it must be added that the one contained less copper than the plan had foreseen.
- 2: The failure of the copper ore plan lies in the entraordinary geomogical difficulties encountered in the copper cre mine of the Manafeld-Mombinat "Wilheln Piecl" in the inadequate and belated preparations of new mine workings, in the lack of mechanization of the copper mining industry and in weaknesses and errors in the plant organization of the Manafeld-Mombinat "Wilhelm Pieck". In order to renowe these difficulties, to which must be added those related to plant security, workers housing and transportation, a resolution is to be submitted to the Council of Ministers by the Secretarist of the Central Committee.
- in the field of other nonferrous metals, the year 1952 sew again the fallure to fulfill the plan of rolling uill products from nonferrous metal. The plan was filled by only 80.8 percent during the first five months. The plan has not been fulfilled for years, because orders are always included which presuppose the import of metals which never arrive. Shortages are particularly felt in the fields of lead and zinc, and are a result of the non-fulfillment of the plan for refined and electrolytic lead, where pro action amounted to only 82.5 percent.
  - It is essential to improve the quality of sheet metal. In this conmeetion the following factors have to be pointed out:
  - A large part of the heavy plate, aspecially that delivered by the dettated rolling will, is still furnished in an uncut condition. It should be pointed out that the VEB sheet metal mills, with the exception of Averhamer, cut and direct their plates. Only the dettated rolling will last the installations for cutting the heavy bother and ship plates and this leads again and again to accuplaints by the processing industries.

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		Continuing effort to purchase the complete tube rolling mill in West Germany and to bring it into the DDR.
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		in the DDR itself. The acquisition of construction plans is the most urgent task. Here again there are various
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- b) Attempts should be made to impulse if sufficient blueprints exist in the IAG enterprises which would permit a short-term delivery and completion of construction blueprints for a tube rolling will.
- e) During the next meeting between the commission for scientific-technical ecoperation and the Soviet Union in Moscow, the question should be raised whether the Soviet Union can furnish the blueprints or a complete tube rolling mill, in order that the assembly could take place in Riesa this year yet and production could start in early 1953.
- Another important project is the installation of the plate-mill train (850 size) in Brandenburg. This train will serve to pre-roll the blocks from Brandenburg in order to overcome the bottlened in semi-processed goods. This train will also supply the Willy Backer rolling mill in Kirchmoser and other plate rolling mills with pre-blocked stabingets, thereby improving not only the quality of the plates but also the capacity of the plate rolling mills. The decisive bottlened right now is the acquisition of the electric motor by the SAG Sachsenwerl Miedersedlitz, and the gearing of the cogged cylinders by the Otto Gruson plant in Maggeburg.
- 4. Urgently needed is the two-high rolling mill train (650 size) for the high-grade steel plant at Döhlen. This order is in the hands of the ADUS Schwermaschinenbau plant at Wildau.
- 5. Extra ely urgent is the completion of the hydraulic forge press of 6000 ton pressure for the large forge in Gröditz. Upon the delivery of this press depends the fulfillment of the energy program for 1953. This order is also assigned to ABUS, Wildau, which so far has not worled on it with sufficient intensity.
- 6. In addition, ABUS, Wildaw is to supply a relling stand for the plante rolling will Ilsenburg. Ilsenburg will them be able to roll five-ton blocks and satisfy the demand for ship plate.
- 7. ABUI, Wildau is also to supply a three-high roughing-mill train for the Finow rolling mill. This train is especially important since no capacity exists at present for the manufacture of hot-band products.
- 8. The Mansfeld Kombinat "Willich Pieck" mu t have the assurance that it will obtain this year or next year a complete screening, crushing and sintering installation for 1,200,000 tons of copper slate one. Supplier is SAG Polysius, Dessau. This installation is essential because otherwise the smelting plants of the Mansfeld Keubinat will no longer be in a position to absorb increased quantities of ora-
- 9. Another important project is the completion of an electric overhead brolley for the furnace charging in the "Wilhelm Pieck" Kenbinat. It is requested that the necessary construction plans be supplied by SAG-Bleichert.
- 10. Of great importance to the lead ore mining industry will be the dalivery of hoists and hoist stands to the VEB lead ore plant "Albert Funk" at Preiberg. Suppliers are ABUS Wordhausen, Stahlbau Hallo and ABUS Gispersleben. If these installations are not delivered, it will be impossible to secure the lead supply from native production, as required by the Five Year Plan.

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